AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Listing of claims:

1.   (Previously Amended)   A method for replacing an email attachment associated with an email with a call to code, wherein the code downloads the email attachment upon activation of the call by a recipient of a stripped email, the method comprising:

    removing the email attachment from the email, and producing the stripped email;

    storing the email attachment;

    adding the call to the stripped email, wherein adding the call comprises adding code to the email, the code being configured to automatically execute upon display of the email via an email client associated with the recipient, to request transmission of the email attachment;

    generating the call to the code, wherein the code downloads the email attachment upon activation of the call by the recipient of the stripped email, wherein the code responds to user-defined rules configured for instructing an identity and a location of the email attachment for the recipient, wherein the identity and the location may differ for other recipients; and

    forwarding the stripped email with the call to the recipient.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    receiving a request for transmission of the email attachment in response to activation of the call; and

    transmitting the email attachment to the recipient in response to the request.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising authenticating the request prior to transmission of the email attachment.

4.   (Previously Amended)   The method of claim 1, further comprising partitioning a mail server to create an attachment server.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein storing comprises storing the email attachment in storage associated with an attachment server, the attachment server being configured to transmit the email attachment in response to activation of the call by the recipient.

6.   (Previously Cancelled).

7.   (Previously Cancelled).

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[22]]1, wherein [[the]]a hyperlink, upon activation, initiates access to an Internet protocol address associated with the code for the retrieval of the email attachment.

9-15. (Cancelled).

16.   (Previously Cancelled).

17-21. (Cancelled).

22.   (Previously Presented) A method for replacing an email attachment associated with an email with a call to code, wherein the code downloads the email attachment upon activation of the call by a recipient of a stripped email, the method comprising:
       removing the email attachment from the email, and producing the stripped email;
       storing the email attachment;
       adding the call to the stripped email, wherein adding the call comprises adding a hyperlink to the stripped email, wherein the hyperlink is configured to initiate code associated with the email attachment to transmit the email attachment to the recipient;
       generating the call to the code, wherein the code downloads the email attachment upon activation of the call by the recipient of the stripped email, wherein the code responds to user-defined rules configured for instructing an identity and a location of the email attachment for the recipient, wherein the identity and the location may differ for other recipients; and
       forwarding the stripped email with the call to the recipient.

23.   (Cancelled).